THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Central Government have ordered CBI to investigate into the incident of hijacking of Indian Airlines Flight IC-814 which was on a schedule flight Ex-Kathmandu-Delhi on 24.12.1999. The investigation is underway.

Enquiry Commission on Netaji

676. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has set up a commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, to unravel the mystery behind Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose disappearance from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the composition of the commission, its terms of reference and tenure etc.;

(c) whether the Commission will be given full liberty to call for papers and witness from all over India and abroad and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed. *(see below)*

(c) The Commission is at liberty to exercise its powers under the Commissions of Inquiry Act. The Government will render all possible assistance in this regard.

(d) The present term of the commission is upto 14.5.2000.

Statement

Details of Composition and terms of reference of the Enquiry Commission on Netaji

(a) The Central Govt. *vide* Notification S.O. 339 (E), dated the 14th May, 1999 published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 3 of the

Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952), have constituted a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India for the purpose of making an indepth inquiry into a definite matter of public importance, namely, the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945. The Commission shall inquire into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandera Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:—

(a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;

(b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;

(c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;

(d) whether he has died in any other manner it any other place and, if so, when and how;

(e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of scrutiny of Publications stouching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances. The Headquarters of the Commission is at Calcutta.

Law and order problem in Assam

677. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the district of North Cachar hills in the State of Assam is facing serious law and order problems due to extortion, kidnapping, killing by unwanted elements;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to curb such illegal activities to give protection to the people; and

(c) the details regarding recent postings of the Army and para- military forces thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (C) Government are aware of the criminal activities of militant outfits like NSCN (IM), DHD etc. in the district of North Cachar Hills in the State of Assam. Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Asam under control. This includes,